

AMENDED VERSION

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A single, disposable apparatus for collecting, disposing, and measuring liquids, comprising:

a bed pan vessel including side walls, a bottom wall, a seating surface, and an inner surface; and

absorption means fixedly attached to and disposed on all of said inner surface of said vessel for absorbing and collecting liquids within said vessel, wherein said vessel and said absorption means form a disposable single-unit apparatus.

2. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said vessel is defined as comprising an opening, side walls, and a bottom wall.

3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said vessel is further defined as an oval-shaped receptacle.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said vessel is made from materials selected from the group consisting essentially of plastic, polyurethane, metal, glass, and polymers.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said absorption means is made of material that absorbs, collects, and retains liquids including urine, water, liquid fecal matter, and body fluids.

6. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said absorption means is made of material selected from the group consisting essentially of artificial and natural fibers, paper materials, and sponge materials.

7. (Previously amended) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said absorption means further includes super-absorbing means centrally located on said inner surface of said vessel for absorbing, collecting, and retaining liquids including urine, water, liquid fecal material, body fluids, and vomit.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said super-absorbing means is made of material selected from the group consisting essentially of gel, solid crystals, and powder.

9. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1 including attaching means for attaching said layer to said vessel.

E 10. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said attaching means is selected from the group consisting essentially of Velcro, snaps, buttons, string, tape, glue, adhesive, elastic, and fasteners.

Claims 11-17 (cancelled).

18. (Original) A method of using an apparatus for collecting liquids comprising the steps of:

positioning the apparatus including a vessel having an inner surface and absorption means disposed on the inner surface of the vessel for absorbing liquids within the vessel; and

collecting liquid and solid waste while isolating liquid waste from the solid waste in the vessel.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein said collecting step further includes collecting only liquid waste and disposing the solid waste thereof.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 18 including the further step of determining urine output.

Claim 21 (cancelled).

E/ 22. (Currently Amended) A disposable, single-unit bed pan vessel including side walls, a bottom wall, a seating surface, and an inner chamber; and absorption means fixedly secured and disposed entirely within said inner chamber for absorbing liquids.
